Supply of State Manual to members of the Legislature.

7. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Karthigapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have as yet supplied the members of the Legislature with copies of any part of the State Manual of Travancore written by Sadasyatilaka T. K. Velu Pillai?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: No. Copies of such publications are not usually supplied to members of the Legislature. But they are available in the Legislative Library.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether there is not a rule that all publications of Government should be given to the members of the Legislature?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: There is no rule compelling Government to supply free of charge all the publications of Government.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

President: Order, order. At this juncture I feel it my duty, albeit that I have had occasion elsewhere to deal with certain matters of policy on the part of Government, to address this House also. To-day brings us news of a very grave character. Japan has declared war on England and the United States. The first shots or the first bombs have fallen in places not far removed from India. The war is approaching this country. What the war and the off-shoot and the consequences of the war might bring to India we cannot now say or prognosticate. But there are certain matters which even a small part of the great continent of India like Travancore will have to keep in mind and will have to provide for.

One of the points that I wish to urge very strongly is that no other activity, no other method and no other plan which will not tend to help in war effort or in an effort which is equally important with war effort, to make this State self-sufficient in the matter of food, clothing and raiment, should occupy the concentrated attention of the people of Travancore. What pecuniary sacrifices, what other sacrifices we may be called upon to make, Providence alone knows. But this is certain, that the times are at hand when belts have to be tightened, when new financial and other policies might have to be adumbrated and carried into effect, when it might be necessary even to get more from the people than this Government have attempted to do till now. I may at once, in passing, remark that the Government have definitely not made any attempts to tax the people on a very large scale or even to ask for voluntary contributions on a large scale, because Government are convinced that Travancore is one of the distressed areas produced by the war. Comparing big things with small things, comparing grave issues

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